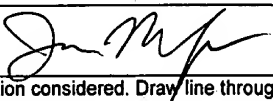


Substitute Form PTO-1449 (Modified)	U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office	Attorney's Docket No. 01997-270001	Application No.
<b>Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant</b> (Use several sheets if necessary) (37 CFR §1.98(b))		Applicant Erik R. Thoen et al.	
		Filing Date April 3, 2000	Group Art Unit 2881

U.S. Patent Documents							
Examiner Initial	Desig. ID	Patent Number	Issue Date	Patentee	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
jm	AA	5901162	05/04/99	Alcock et al.	372	18	
	AB	5701327	12/23/97	Cunningham et al.	327	99	
	AC	5666373	09/09/97	Sharp et al.	372	18	
	AD	5627854	05/06/97	Knox	372	99	
	AE	5345454	09/06/94	Keller	372	12	
	AF	5278855	01/11/94	Jacobovitz-Veselka et al.	372	44	
	AG	5265107	11/23/93	Delfyett, Jr.	372	11	
	AH	5237577	08/17/93	Keller et al.	372	11	
	AI	5007059	04/09/91	Keller et al.	372	18	
	AJ	4723248	02/02/88	Harter et al.	372	25	

Other Documents (include Author, Title, Date, and Place of Publication)		
Examiner Initial	Desig. ID	Document
jm	AK	Brunel et al., "Dynamics of a laser with a reverse saturable absorber," Appl. Phys. B 68, 39-44 (1999)
	AL	Doerr et al., "Additive-pulse limiting," OPTICS LETTERS, Vol. 19, No. 1, pp. 31-33 (January 1, 1994)
	AM	Harter et al., "Theory of Mode-Locked Lasers Containing a Reverse Saturable Absorber," IEEE Journal of Quantum Electronics, Vol. QE-21, No. 8, pp. 1219-1228 (August 1985)
	AN	Haus, "Parameter Ranges for CW Passive Mode Locking," IEEE Journal of Quantum Electronics, Vol. QE-12, No. 3, pp. 169-176 (March 1976)
	AO	Jiang et al., "Nonlinearly limited saturable-absorber mode locking of an erbium fiber laser," OPTICS LETTERS, Vol. 24, No. 15, pp. 1074-1076 (August 1, 1999)
	AP	Obeidat, "Effects of two-photon absorption in saturable Bragg reflectors used in femtosecond solid state lasers," OPTICS EXPRESS, Vol. 1, No. 3, pp. 68-72 (August 4, 1997)
	AQ	Kartner et al., "Control of solid state laser dynamics by semiconductor devices," OPTICAL ENGINEERING, Vol. 34, No. 7, pp. 2024-2036 (July 1995)
	AR	Keller, "Semiconductor Nonlinearities for Solid-State Laser Modelocking and Q-Switching," Nonlinear Optics in Semiconductors II, 211-85 (Academic Press, 1999)
	AS	Nakazawa et al., "Supermode noise suppression in a harmonically modelocked fibre laser by selfphase modulation and spectral filtering," ELECTRONICS LETTERS, Vol. 32, No. 5, pp. 461-463 (February 29, 1996)

Examiner Signature 	Date Considered 5/22/01
EXAMINER: Initials citation considered. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	